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PATENT APPLICATION

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Re Patent Application of:

Takaaki HIRAI et al.

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Application No.: 09/856,468

Art Unit: 1771

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Examiner: Victor S. Chang

For: PRE-EXPANDED PARTICLES OF CRYSTALLINE  
AROMATIC POLYESTER-BASED RESIN, AND IN  
MOLD EXPANDED PRODUCT AND EXPANDED  
LAMINATE USING THE SAME

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2003 (Paper No. 915), finally rejecting claims 1 and 3-20, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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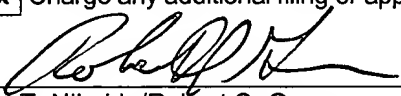
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